

2004 EQIP
Local Ranking Questions For Wabash County

1. Does the current farming operation involve any type of fall tillage operations?
Y=50
2. Are any row crop fields located within 50 feet of any water bodies? **Y=25**
3. Based on the Wabash County Soil Survey, do the acres being offered have slopes that are 6% or steeper ("C"slopes)? **Y=25**
4. Is this an area with gully erosion? (" Gully erosion is defined as erosion caused by concentrated flow of water, usually at least 1 foot in depth and which can not be repaired by normal tillage operation") **Y=100**
5. According to FSA records, what percentage of the cropland fields are listed as HEL.
A – None **=0**
B – 1 to 10% **=2**
C – 11 to 20 % **=5**
D – 21 to 30 % **=8**
E – Greater than 30 % **=10**
6. Which of the following best describes your current tillage activities on your cropland?
A – A system that leaves less than 20% to 30% ground cover at the time of planting. Some type of fall tillage is used more than 50% of the time. **=10**
B – A system that leaves more than 30% surface residues at the time of planting. No fall tillage is used but some type of spring tillage is used every year. **= 8**
C – A system that uses both tillage and no-tillage depending on crops planted. **=4**
D – A complete No-Till system is used on all crops planted. **=3**
7. Does your current crop rotation involve low residue crops (soybeans, vegetables, etc.) more than one half of the years of the crop rotation? **Y=20**
8. Are there any abandoned wells on the property? **Y=25**
9. Does the area under consideration have a water body (lake, river, stream, wetland) within 500 ft.? **Y=20**
10. Will cropland be converted to a woodland? **Y= 15**
11. Do you have woodland that needs TSI? **Y=15**
12. Do you purchase manure to meet your nutrient needs? **N=25**
13. Do you own, lease or have manure spreading agreements on land with Phosphorous levels below 100ppm or 200 lbs/acre that are adequate for your current operation's manure production? **N=25**
14. Does your livestock have direct access to a stream or other body of water (lake, river, stream, wetland) and will EQIP cost share be used to keep them out of the stream or body of water? **Y=10**

15. Using current (less than 3 years) soil test data, are average phosphorus test levels above 100 ppm (200lbs/ac) on any of the fields being offered? **Y=15**
16. Does the current management system involve surface application of animal manures? **Y = 15**
17. Is this practice or process that is being applied for an existing facility? **Y = 20**
18. Does the current livestock operation include a storage system with less than 180 days of storage? **Y = 10**
19. Will EQIP cost share be used to exclude livestock from the woodland ? **Y=10**
20. Do you have grass buffers a minimum of 10 ft. around surface tile inlets?
N=25.